

Claims:

We claim:

1. A method for dynamically upgrading software applications in a distributed network, comprising the steps of:
  - selecting at least one module for upgrade;
  - selecting at least one component associated with the at least one module for upgrade;
  - selecting at least one source and destination site parameter;
  - generating a profile of at least one upgrade application based upon the selected at least one module, at least one component and at least one source and destination parameter; and
  - retrieving at least one upgrade application based upon the generated profile.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one module is at least one of a workflow module, an OMS module, a catalog module, a rules module, an orders module, a membership module, an accounting and credit card module, a permissions module and a pop-ups module.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one module includes at least one associated component.
4. The method according to claim 2, wherein the workflow module is associated with at least one of an approver matrix component, a delegations component, a

workflow log component, a process definitions component and a process instances and tasks component.

5. The method according to claim 2, wherein the OMS module is associated with at least one of an adjustment component, a price list component, a price column component, a price item component, a price list information component, a unit component a unit conversion table component, a unit conversion entries component, a ship method component, a freight terms component and a payment terms component.

6. The method according to claim 2, wherein the catalog module is associated with at least one of a catalog component and a catalog views and permissions component.

7. The method according to claim 2, wherein the rules module is associated with at least one of an accounting code component, a commodity codes component, an interface component, an inventory component, a payment component, a pricing component, a products component, a security component, a shipping component, a tax component, and a workflow component.

8. The method according to claim 2, wherein the orders module is associated with at least one of a completed orders component and an in-progress orders component.

9. The method according to claim 2, wherein the membership module is associated with at least one of an organization component, an organization units

component, a users group component, a users component and a locations component.

10. The method according to claim 2, wherein the accounting and commodity codes modules is associated with at least one of an accounting codes component and a commodity codes component.

11. The method according to claim 2, wherein the permissions module includes at least one of a permission level component and a permission rules component.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of generating a profile includes the steps of:

generating an import file; and

downloading the import file to an import/export utility.

13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the import file includes the selected module type information, location information, operation information and business object information.

14. The method according claim 1, further including the step of running the downloaded module upgrade.

15. The method according to claim 1, further including the step of indicating the status of the upgrade.

16. The method according to claim 1, further including the step of generating a report for the at least one upgrade application.

17. The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one upgrade utility includes at least one business object.

18. A system for dynamically upgrading software applications in a distributed network, that includes a profile utility upgrade module, the profile utility upgrade module comprising:

a profile module for generating an upgrade profile; and

a delimited text extractor module for generating an import file, based upon the upgrade profile.

19. The system according to claim 18, wherein the profile module receives at least one selected module type, a least one selected component type and at least one source and destination parameter.

20. The system according to claim 19, wherein the profile module generates an upgrade profile based upon the at least one selected module type, at least one selected component type and at least one source and destination parameter.

21. The system according to claim 18, wherein the import file is uploaded to an import/export utility.

22. A system for dynamically upgrading software applications in a distributed network, comprising:

means for generating an upgrade profile; and

means for generating an import file based upon the upgrade profile.

23. A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable code embodied therein, the computer program product adapted to effect the steps comprising:

receiving at least one module selection;

receiving at least one component selection, the at least one component associated with the at least one module selection;

receiving at least one source and destination parameter; and

generating an upgrade profile based upon the received module selection, component selection and source and destination parameter.